



FW COMMISSION AGENDA

TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND BEST ESTIMATE ONLY

Location: Montana Heritage Center (225 N. Roberts St., Helena) and virtually via Zoom

Date: Thursday – April 16, 2026

Time: **8:00 a.m. *NEW START TIME***

This regular meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission is scheduled to be held at the conference facility inside the Montana Heritage Center (225 N. Roberts St, Helena) and virtually via Zoom. The Commission will take public comment on agenda items in person and from registered commenters via Zoom. If you wish to make a comment via Zoom, registration will open on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks' website <https://fwp.mt.gov/> on April 2 and close at noon on April 15. The Commission Chair will call upon registrants by name to comment. When public comment is opened by the Commission Chair on an agenda item, please click the “raise hand” button on the Zoom screen or dial *9 if participating by phone. You will be notified when you have been unmuted. Before making your comment, please state your name, city, and the organization you are representing if applicable.

Administrative Items

8:00 a.m.- Call to Order *NEW START TIME*

- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (*all please stand*)
- Approval of Minutes (February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting)
- Approval of Commission Expenses (FY 2026 Current)
- Commissioner Reports & Meeting Disclosures
- FWP Director's Report - Jeff Hindoien, FWP Chief Legal Counsel

Action Items

Fisheries Division

- 2026 Fish Removal Projects
 - **Presenter:** Andrew Gilham, Fisheries Management Bureau Chief

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Wildlife Division

- Doney Lake Forest Habitat Improvement Project
 - **Presenter:** Ken McDonald, Division Administrator
- Spotted Dog WMA Grazing Lease Renewal
 - **Presenter:** Ken McDonald, Division Administrator
- 2026 Migratory Bird Regulations, Seasons, and Closures
 - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Game Management Bureau Chief
- Bighorn Sheep Within-Range Translocation - Madison Range, 2026-2035
 - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Game Management Bureau Chief
- Peregrine Falcon Take, 2026-2027 Biennium
 - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Game Management Bureau Chief

Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division

- Temporary River Closure for Construction – Sun River
 - **Presenter:** Renee Lemon, Division Administrator
- FAS Annual Rule
 - **Presenter:** Renee Lemon, Division Administrator
- Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule
 - **Presenter:** Renee Lemon, Division Administrator
- Whitebird and Swinging Bridge FAS Restrictions
 - **Presenter:** Renee Lemon, Division Administrator

Land & Water Unit

- 26-Mile FAS Recreation Permit and Site Development
 - **Presenter:** Bill Schenk, Unit Manager

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Legal Unit

No topics for this meeting

Licensing Unit

No topics for this meeting

Enforcement Division

No topics for this meeting

Public Comment- Items Not on the Agenda

Adjournment

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